This is an exciting time for the School of Social Work and the College of Public Health at Temple University. We are experiencing unprecedented growth in enrollment, building new interdisciplinary graduate programs, and conducting significant sponsored research. Over the next 4 years, the College will expand its footprint with a new building and add 50 faculty.

Temple University’s College of Public Health invites applications for the position of Director of the School of Social Work. The School of Social Work is dedicated to societal transformations to eliminate social, political, and economic injustices for poor and oppressed populations and to advancing the quality of life for all. We seek a leader who has the management and research skills, creativity, and vision to guide the School in its quest to deliver top-quality education to students, contribute practice-relevant externally-funded research knowledge to the scientific literature, mentor junior faculty and grow the school’s research agenda, and provide service and advocacy to the field through collaborations and partnerships with local communities, agencies, and organizations.

The candidate should have a strong record of scholarship and external research funding as well as administrative experience that includes personnel management, budgeting, and program advocacy. We are looking for an individual with strong interpersonal communication skills and a commitment to the development of innovative research. Successful applicants will hold a PhD in Social Work or a related discipline. Applicants whose research complements the College’s existing strengths are desirable.

The School of Social Work operates 2 CSWE-accredited programs: BSW (approximately 250 enrollees) and MSW (approximately 750 students). While the BSW program focuses on generalist practice, the MSW program requires advanced-year students to concentrate in a practice method (Clinical Practice, Management and Planning, or Practice with Communities and Policy Arenas) and specialize in a field of practice (Children and Families or Health and Mental Health). The BSW program is offered on the Main Campus in Philadelphia, and the MSW program is offered at multiple sites, spanning urban, suburban, and rural environments: Main Campus, Center City, Ambler, Harrisburg, and with online cohorts across the Commonwealth. Through a partnership with other disciplines within the College, MSW students can earn a concurrent MPH through the MSW-MPH dual degree program. The School also offers a new post-MSW Certificate in Military Social Work.

We are fortunate to have a strong cadre of nontenure track faculty with extensive social work practice histories who are committed to the teaching and service missions of the School. We also have a strong Department of Field Education that assists about 500 students during the academic year in securing and successfully completing field placements across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as well as in New Jersey, Delaware, and New York. Future academic initiatives include building on the strengths of the BSW and MSW programs by infusing content on international social work, aging issues, and LGBTQ issues throughout the curricula. In the pursuit of expanding our reach to rural communities across Pennsylvania and accommodating full-time working social workers, we are increasing our online presence with virtual classes, hybrid courses meeting both face to face and online, and asynchronous content.
The School of Social Work is building an impressive research portfolio. Investigator projects include research on HIV/AIDS, mental health, substance abuse, health services, LGBTQ social and health issues, acculturation, homelessness, immigration, community capacity building, fatherhood, interpersonal violence, organizational diversity, aging issues, and poverty. The College of Public Health has excellent pre- and post-award support for investigators conducting sponsored research. The Director of the School will have an important role in helping guide and build our research focus as well as hiring additional tenure-track faculty.

The School has a long history of service. Our faculty located at Temple University Harrisburg work with military families as part of the Family Counseling Center, and our 40-year-old Center for Social Policy and Community Development at Main Campus is home to programs dedicated to workforce development, youth development, service learning opportunities for students, and technical assistance in grant writing and program planning to community-based organizations.

The Director of the School will join 8 department chairs serving the College of Public Health, a constellation of 9 academic units of public health and health profession disciplines, which enrolls about 5,000 students. The College has seen remarkable growth and organizational expansion in the shape and configuration of programs, research profile, increase in rankings, and collaboration with other academic units. In 2014, the College ranked 2nd of the 17 colleges/schools at Temple in research expenditures. The College’s innovative research focuses on medical interventions, social, behavioral, and environmental inquiries, and basic science and is sponsored by NIH, NSF, and other major federal funders as well as foundations. Under the leadership of Dean Laura Siminoff, a social scientist continuously funded by NIH for 25 years, CPH is hiring 50 research-focused faculty to join the 160 faculty across its academic disciplines.

Temple University is an urban, research-intensive university located in Philadelphia. Temple is the 6th largest provider of professional education in the country and includes Schools of Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, Podiatry, and Dentistry in addition to research centers, including the NCI-designated Fox Chase Cancer Center. Temple is located in historic and culturally-rich Philadelphia, the nation’s 5th largest city. The city was ranked 3rd by the New York Times as a world tourist destination.

Temple University offers competitive salaries and generous start-up packages. Candidates may also join the School of Social Work and College of Public Health with established research teams, including tenure track junior and nontenure track research faculty.

Dr. Karin Eyrich-Garg, Search Committee Chair, welcomes confidential inquiries and nominations at kgarg@temple.edu.

Applicants should send a CV, letter of interest describing their management style and a 1-page research statement to cphsearch@temple.edu. Application review will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

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